

The Washington Merry-Go-Round**Red Carpet for Nixon Slightly Pale****By Jack Anderson**

Secret Intelligence reports declare that President Nixon's high-risk military moves in Vietnam have undermined those in both Moscow and Peking who want to ease tensions with the United States.

Although there had been no visible opposition to the President's trip to Peking and invitation to visit Moscow, the Central Intelligence Agency claims the detente was fiercely resisted inside the policy councils of both governments.

To protect our sources, we cannot quote directly from the CIA documents. The CIA maintains, however, that the decision to invite Nixon was by no means unanimous in Moscow or Peking.

Citing "reliable" sources, the CIA claims the Soviet military hierarchy has opposed doing business with Nixon. Defense Minister Andrei Grechko, apparently, has become the principal spokesman for this faction inside the Kremlin.

The Russian marshals, according to the CIA, are eager to share credit in Hanoi for the North Vietnamese suc-

cesses. For the military equipment, which has smashed the South Vietnamese defenses, was made in Russia.

The Soviets, in the bidding against the Chinese for influence in Hanoi, had offered the North Vietnamese a \$110 million military loan. Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the North Vietnamese military genius, decided to spend it for tanks, heavy artillery and anti-aircraft missiles.

The Soviet military brass would like to see a setback for U.S. interests not only in Vietnam but the Middle East. The CIA warns that the Russians may counter U.S. moves in Vietnam with new initiatives in the Mediterranean.

The CIA offers fewer specifics about the opposition within the Chinese leadership to the Chinese-American detente. But bitter opposition, says the CIA, is simmering beneath the surface.

Laird's Good Humor

Our recent columns on the misuse of the Pentagon auto fleet has drawn a good-humored reaction from Defense Secretary Mel Laird and orders from on high to start obeying the regulations.

But the Pentagon bigshots, as usual, are reading the regulations to suit their expensive tastes, not to save the taxpayers' money. Result: most of the staggering waste continues.

We told, for example, how gon cars, intended for use only on pressing official business, had become a luxury limousine service for military potentates and their congressional friends.

Laird, meanwhile, still has two limousines at his constant call in case one should develop motor trouble. His special assistant, Carl Wallace, is also picked up each morning and delivered home each evening by a military chauffeur.

The men who toil in the Pentagon garage, however, were getting the word to put an end to excursions that violate regulations. This, presumably, meant stopping the practice of routinely chauffeuring members of Congress around Washington.

But when the motor pool tried to follow orders, it found itself in hot water with the Pentagon's congressional liaison office, which is responsible for keeping the military's

popularity rating high on Capitol Hill.

The clash between military regulations and congressional relations was quickly resolved in favor of keeping the Congressmen happy. The soldiers who man the motor pool were ordered to provide whatever the congressional liaison office wanted.

So military vehicles continue, for example, to bring in large quantities of liquor from the Pentagon's Washington supplier so there will be plenty to serve to thirsty Congressmen when they attend a military reception or take a military flight.

The fact that such trips involve an apparently illegal transportation of liquor across the Virginia border from Washington doesn't bother the Pentagon brass.

Apparently, the abuse of military cars is not confined to Washington. At the U.S. naval base in Bermuda, for example, the brass ride around in full-size American sedans despite the fact that such large cars are legally forbidden to other residents of the resort island.

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